

DECEMBER 2, 2018

*First Sunday of Advent*



There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and  
raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

~Luke 21:25, 28



# St. Cyril of Jerusalem

REV. EBEN M. MACDONALD -PASTOR

REV. CYPRIAN CARLO -PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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### *From the Desk of Father Mac,*

This weekend and next are Commitment Weekends for the **Called to Renew Campaign**. You will be given an opportunity during Mass to fill out a pledge card and make a commitment to this important effort. As you are aware our parish has been working on this campaign for several weeks. The purpose of the campaign is to raise \$500 million to strengthen parishes, serve the vulnerable, support priestly vocations, and invest in the faith of future generations. I know that \$500 million is a lot of money, but keep in mind that all 302 parishes, missions, and Catholic Centers in the Archdiocese will participate in the campaign. I am pleased to share with you that many Catholic lay leaders have stepped forward and have already pledged more than \$208 million dollars. So, we are well on our way to reaching our campaign goal.

Our parish is one of 19 parishes currently participating in the pilot wave of the campaign. Each parish has been given a target goal. The goal for St. Cyril of Jerusalem is **\$1 million**. I am very pleased to tell you, that we have already received **55 gifts** totaling **\$818,685**. That is nearly 82% of our goal!

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds raised here at St. Cyril of Jerusalem will remain with our parish to address the following needs:

- ◆ Install new Heating/air conditioning in the Church.
- ◆ Roofing on the church is past its life expectancy and needs to be replaced, ideally as we replace the HVAC.
- ◆ Renovate the church rectory which is in dire need of upgrades and repairs.
- ◆ Our Parish School has modular buildings that we use for classrooms which are now passed their warranty and need to be replaced.
- ◆ Install a new sound system in the church.

I want to thank the members of our Campaign Executive Committee, as well as our campaign Ambassadors, who have been working so hard with me over the past several weeks to ensure our campaign success to date. I would also like to thank those families who have so generously made a pledge commitment to the campaign. Thank you for your generosity. I truly appreciate your support.

Now, I am asking the rest of you to join our efforts by making a pledge to the campaign to be paid over five years. We are aiming for 100% participation! If we go over our goal, 100% off the funds above goal return to our parish. So the more we raise, the more our parish will benefit. Your support will ensure that Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Parish can continue carrying out its mission for generations to come!

This time of year is often called the season of giving. I hope that many of our parish families will include Saint Cyril's in your charitable giving this holiday season by making a pledge commitment to **Called to Renew!**

YOURS IN CHRIST,  
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

*Fr. Mac*



**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** on Saturday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation. There will be vigil mass on Friday, December 7th at 7pm. Holy Day Masses on Saturday will be 7:30 am and 12 noon. **The 4 pm Mass on Saturday is for the Second Sunday of Advent and will not fulfill your obligation**

**NOTE ABOUT PRIEST PERSONNEL** Please keep Fr. Cyprian in your prayers as he travels home to India for December and January. We are happy to welcome back Fr. Matthias Kalemba who returns to us from Uganda and will help out while Fr. Cyprian is away. Please give Fr. Matthias a warm Saint Cyril's welcome!



**THE GIVING TREE** is located in the vestibule near the Ventura Blvd. door of the church. The children from St. Cecilia, our sister parish located in the inner city, have made ornaments expressing a "special wish" to celebrate Christmas. You will also find "generic" tags that allow us to use additional gifts for those children who for different reasons may not have received a gift.

Each family in our parish is asked to take an ornament from our Giving Tree and, as a family, help make a wish come true!! Please purchase an appropriate gift, wrap it, and **securely attach the ornament back on the package**, so that it can be given to the right child!

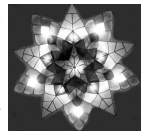
Please don't get too extravagant a gift. Mrs. Guzman, the principal at St. Cecilia, is trying to teach the children that this is a gesture of kindness. This is not a time for them to "cash in" on a real expensive gift. Please do not purchase CD's that have a parental advisory warning.

**The gift will need to be back under the tree by Dec. 9th, as we will be delivering the gifts to St. Cecilia before their school Christmas break.** This act of kindness will go a long way in bringing happiness on Christmas morning to less fortunate families!



**ADVENT CELEBRATIONS** We have some wonderful celebrations planned at St. Cyril's this Advent. On Wed. Dec. 12 our 7:30am Morning Mass will be a special celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will bless and dedicate an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe during Mass, pray the Rosary, and have a reception in the parish hall afterwards.

On Wed. Dec. 19 we will have the traditional Filipino celebration of Simbang Gabi which prepares our hearts for the coming of our savior at Christmas. The celebration will begin at 6PM with Mass here in the church and a reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome to participate in these celebrations!



**SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN**  
KEEP SANTA VISITS SAFE AND SECRET FREE



It's the Christmas season, which means children around the archdiocese will be lining up for a picture with Santa and a chance to tell him what they hope to find under their trees this year.

The Santa visit is a fun holiday tradition, but it's not a time when parents can let their guard down. Santa and his helpers are usually volunteers and may not have gone through screenings or tests to ensure your child's safety, so it's up to you. Keep an eye on anything happening while your child visits with Santa. Never step away from the action, even for a moment, and don't allow your children to be led away to another room. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," contact us.

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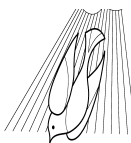
**FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGs)**, our 'little church' program for ages 4-7, will meet during the 10 am Mass **December 2nd and 16th**. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming dates.

**BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT CYRIL'S** Classes will meet on Tuesday, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7 pm. Please meet in the Parish Bungalow. Call the Office of Religious Education for further information.



**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP** will meet **Monday, December 3rd, 9th & 16th at 7pm** in front of the Blessed Mother's altar on the west side of the church. Come and begin to prepare your heart for the joyful season of Christmas. For more information, please call the Parish office.

**CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY** will have their next event on Sunday, December 9th. Year 1 and Year 2 students will take part in an Advent retreat with their Sponsor. Please meet at 9:45 am in the Parish Bungalow.



**CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**AS OF NOVEMBER 24TH, 2018**

**TOTAL= 55 GIFTS**

PARISH GOAL	\$ 1,000.000	100% OF GOAL
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 818,685	81.1% OF GOAL
AMOUNT UNDER GOAL	(\$-181,365)	- 18% OF GOAL

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

4:00 pm - Helen Cardelucci Duncan, *RIP*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

8:00 am - Vito Forges, *RIP*  
10:00 am - Teresita Barcelon, *SPEC. INT.*  
12:00 pm - Anna Lee, *RIP*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

7:30 am - Emma Boncaras, *SPEC. INT.*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

7:30 am - Elizabeth Boylan, *RIP*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

7:30 am - Ron Crawford, *SPEC. INT.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

7:30 am - Nicha Novinski, *SPEC. INT.*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

7:30 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*  
7:30 pm - Nikolas Barakonski & Family, *RIP*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

7:30 am - Lucia KWON, *SPEC. INT.*  
12:00 pm - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

**ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
November 25th 2018

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." LUKE 21:28

Envelopes (Egive incl.)	\$ 10,725.50
Loose cash	\$ 1,006.00
Total	\$ 11,731.50

*Our weekly Collection goal is \$13,000*

**Thank You**

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTO FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

**Pray For**



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Frank Ivancie       | Bob Farina         |
| Regina Hagan        | Sheldon Payne      |
| Anne Galli          | Jose Ramirez       |
| Tio Galli           | Christopher Browne |
| Mickey Pappas       | Antonio Almonte    |
| Barbara Bick        | Dolores Genova     |
| Mary Shartzter      | DeNardis           |
| Sandra Osorio       | Maria Rooney       |
| Dorothy Montanio    | Dan Stoppie        |
| Shelia Hartman      | Dolores Cardelucci |
| Fr. Verne Boutilier | Ali Rich           |
|                     | Giovanna Cortese   |

# Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

## SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

## HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

## WEDDINGS

*Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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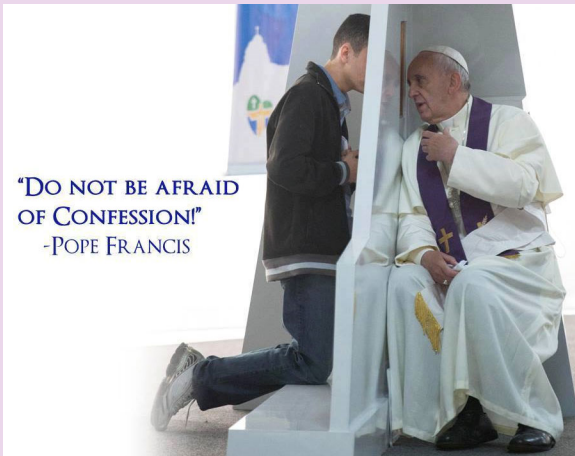
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# Advent Penance Services

*Monday, December 10th, 7pm  
at Saint Frances de Sales*

*Monday, December 17th, 7pm  
at Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, 7pm*



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